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Mrs. William Resch has received word from her son, Howard "Duke" Resch, who has been in the Southwestern Pacific ever since Pearl Harbor and has participated in many of the battles with the Japs that he is now back in the United States, where he will be transferred to another vessel soon to be outfitted. He has been promoted to chief quartermaster (steersman), United States Navy. He writes:

"I arrived in the good old U. S. A. a couple of days ago and am mighty happy about it. I am waiting here (San Francisco) for transfer to a brand new ship. Hope to get home but don't know whether I'll be able to swing it. You probably have noticed your son has made chief quartermaster, which calls for a whole new uniform and a nice looking uniform at that.

"I hope I can show it to you soon. I have what I went in the Navy for now and feel pretty good about it all. I made it in mighty short time, too, and feel like a kid alongside some of these chiefs with twenty and thirty years in the service.

"If you see Wib (J. W. Brooks) tell him that dream he had about me making chief a couple of years ago wasn't a pipe dream after all. I know he'll feel good about it because he's one of the few who really thought I could.

"I saw my first movie yesterday, because where we just came from there was a lot more action than you can find in a hundred shows. Believe you me the old lights on the Bay bridge looked good. They were the first lights I'd seen since the war started."

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Private Urban J. Ochs writes from Camp Young, the desert training center near Indio, California: "Well just a few lines for the Press to let the people know that the boys of Camp Young really enjoyed a big day on Thanksgiving. We all had the day off, passing the time visiting. At the noon hour the boys turned out all shining in their uniforms, which looked real nice.

"There was plenty to eat for everybody, which reminds a fellow of home. The officers had their wives for dinner. The colonel led the prayers to give thanks to God that we were still a free country and had all the food to eat and that we can keep up our good work. After thanks were returned, they served turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, peas, butter, bread, and pickles.

"Then for desert they served cranberries, fruit salad, fruit cake, pumpkin pie, ice cream, oranges, apples, pears, grapes, candy, nuts, cigars, and a pack of cigarettes. This big feed made all the boys feel good, which made them forget the army for a while."

His address is Private Urban J. Ochs, Headquarters Company, 741st Tank battalion, Camp Young, Indio, California.

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man with 178 points out of a possible 200." His address is Private Raymond Wagner Jr., Company A, 35th Training Battalion, Camp Croft, South Carolina.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Matson of Falmouth ordered the Press sent as Christmas presents to Coxswain Glenn Matson, U. S. S. Rigel, second division, care postmaster, San Francisco, California, and Private Rupert S. Matson, 385th Bomber squadron, 311th Group, Army Air Base, Waycross, Georgia.

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Private Franklin D. Jones, son of Mrs. Anna Jones of Newton, who has been stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, has been transferred to Miami Beach, Florida. His address is U. S. Army Air Corps, 575th T. S. S.—T.S.-387, Miami Beach, Florida.

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Private Medford Wetherholt, Company E, Twenty-third Engineer battalion, Third Armored division, Camp Prickett, Virginia, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Wetherholt of near Wheeler. The division recently went east after desert maneuvers in California.

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Private Delbert Wilson left Monday for Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he is an airborne reconnaissance company, after a furlough at Newton with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson, and at Louisville with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Dillman.

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Private Donald Whitehurst, United States Army, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst of near Lis. He is stationed in Virginia. Mr. Whitehurst Sr., who was critically injured a couple of months ago in a tractor accident on his farm, has recovered.

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Gerald Diel is spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Diel of near Gila. He has been in training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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Max Britton, who is in the United States Coast Guard, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Britton of northwest of Newton.

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Private Hugh James of Randolph field, Texas, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. James of Newton.

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Private Paul Adkins is visiting his father, Wade Adkins of near Newton. He is in the United States Army on the west coast.

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Sergeant Robert Swisher, Armored Force school, Fort Knox, Kentucky, is visiting friends at Sainte Marie and Newton.